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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON PROGRAM FOR IVP GRANTEES ANURA

BANDARANAIKE AND ANURUDDHA RATWATTE

1. JUNE 2-4 PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON FOR IVP GRANTEES ANURA BANDARANAIKE AND ANURUDDHA RATWATTE DEVELOPED EXTREMELY WELL FROM BOTH THEIR AND OUR PERSPECTIVES. IN HIS BRIEF PERIOD HERE ANURA ENJOYED UNUSUALLY BROAD ACCESS TO U.S. POLITICAL LEADERSHIP RANGING FROM CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER TO MEETINGS WITH WIDE SECTION OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE.

2. MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT JUNE 4 WAS HIGHLIGHT OF THREE DAY ROUND IN WASHINGTON INVOLVING BOTH DEPARTMENT AND CAPITOL HILL. MONDAY, JUNE 2 LUNCH, HOSTED BY ACTING ASST. SECRETARY SOBER, INTRODUCED BANDARANAIKE TO SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WITH POLICY-MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SRI LANKA AND REGION. THIS WAS FOLLOWED IN AFTERNOON BY WHITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOUSE TOUR, MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL AIDE MICHAEL FARRELL AND CALL ON SENATOR KENNEDY AT HIS SENATE OFFICE TOGETHER WITH INVITATION TO BE PRESENT AT SENATE DURING MAJOR DEBATE ON U.S. ARMS POLICY. PRIVATE DINNER OFFERED BY SRI LANKA

EMBOFF ALLOWED ANURA TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL CEYLONESE COMMUNITY.

3. ON TUESDAY ANURA VISITED DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO HILL TO ATTEND HEARINGS OF HUMPHREY SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE'S LUNCH AT RESIDENCE ALLOWED ANURA TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH CHAIRMAN FOLEY OF HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. LATER IN AFTERNOON, ANURA MET WITH CONGRESSMAN DOWNEY OF NEW YORK, YOUNGEST MEMBER OF HOUSE, AND WITH SPENCER OLIVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS. EVENING RECEPTION OFFERED BY COUNTRY DIRECTOR KUX TURNED OUT BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF AMERICANS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OR INTEREST IN SRI LANKA.

4. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 PROGRAM WAS HEAVY BUT VERY SATISFACTORY. CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL WAS CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE, ANURA COMMENTING ON HIS RECENT TRAVEL TO PRC AND NORTH KOREA. DISCUSSION ON SOUTH ASIA TOUCHED ON VARIETY OF REGIONAL ISSUES. MEMCON WILL BE POUCHED TO POST. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SPENT LARGELY ON CAPITOL HILL, BEGINNING WITH LUNCH HOSTED BY LEE HAMILTON AND ATTENDED BY SIX OTHER CONGRESSMEN MOST OF WHOM WERE MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION TO COLOMBO MEETING OF IPU. CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER IN HIS SENATE OFFICE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY CEYLONESE. FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED DURING MEETING OVER COFFEE WITH SENATOR FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS MCGOVERN AND STAFFORD AND LATER IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH SEN. HARTKE. PLANNED CALL ON SEN. MATHIAS UNFORTUNATELY FELL THROUGH OWING TO LAST MINUTE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT TIMING OF MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT. AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE WAS PRESENT AT ALL MEETINGS. BOTH WE AND CEYLONESE HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH DEGREE TO WHICH THESE BUSY MEN PUT THEMSELVES OUT TO RECEIVE ANURA.

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5. USIA PHOTOGRAPHIC AND PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE. JIM LEADER WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BRIEFING FOR USIA WIRELESS REPORTING DURING TRAVEL OUTSIDE WASHINGTON TO ENSURE CONTINUING FLOW OF MATERIAL TO POST.

6. ANURUDDHA RATWATTE'S PROGRAM, OF COURSE, IS SUBSIDIARY TO ANURA'S BUT WE DID ARRANGE FOR FULL DAY AND HALF WITH SECRET SERVICE JUNE 3-4.

7. MOST RECENT CHANGE IN PROGRAM CURRENTLY HAS BANDARANAIKE AND RATWATTE RETURNING THROUGH WASHINGTON EN ROUTE TO LONDON. HE MAY SPEND AS MUCH AS 36 HOURS HERE AT END OF

TRIO AT WHICH TIME WE MAY ATTEMPT TO FIT IN CALL ON SEN.
MATHIAS AND ONE OF TWO CONGRESSMEN WHOM ANURA HAS EXPRESS-
ED INTEREST IN MEETING. KISSINGER

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